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WINES BY THE GLASS

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Scarbolo, Pinot Grigio 'Il Ramato', Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, 2021 \$17/gls, \$68/btl



Although often looked down upon by serious wine drinkers, pinot grigio can be great - it just needs the right hands to make it so. Founded in 1982 by Gino Scarbolo and now helmed by his grandkids Lara and Mattia, Scarbolo produces an array of wines from native Friulian grapes; however, the driving passion has always been to create pinot grigio as a traditional *ramato*, which is a term referring only to pinot grigio with skin contact.

- **Grape:** 100% pinot grigio
- **Winemaking:** Juice macerated with skins for 1 day after pressing. Undergoes partial malolactic fermentation. Aged on lees in stainless steel tanks for 5 months.
- **Profile:** Juicy, round, supple. Flavors of persimmon, cantaloupe, tangerine, apples, and honeysuckle. Tannins are present but soft, more apple skin-like in texture.